

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action, only claims 25, 27, and 28 were rejected. Of the remaining claims, claims 26 and 45 to 52 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form and claims 53 to 58 were allowed.

As indicated in the preceding listing of claims, the rejected independent claim 25 has been cancelled. It should be noted, however, that the cancellation of claim 25 should not be interpreted as an admission that this claim is unpatentable. Claim 25 was cancelled solely to advance the examination of the present application.

Claim 26 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of claim 25, and accordingly is believed to be allowable as indicated on page 4 of the Office Action.

Claims 27 and 28 have been amended to depend from the allowable independent claim 26 and therefore are also believed to be allowable.

Each of claims 45 and 48 has also been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of claim 25. These claims are therefore also believed to be allowable, as indicated on page 4 of the Office Action.

Claims 46 and 47 depend from allowable independent claim 45, and claims 49 to 52 depend from allowable independent claim 48.

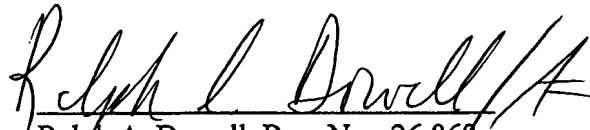
Therefore, only allowable rewritten independent claims 26, 45, and 48, claims 27, 28, 46, 47, and 49 to 52 which depend from the allowable rewritten independent claims, and allowed claims 53 to 58 now remain in the application.

It is therefore believed that this application is now in allowable form, and early and favourable consideration of the application are respectfully requested.

In the event that any further issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone so as to most expeditiously resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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